CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING – The City Council meeting of February 22, 2021 included a public hearing and subsequent action to approve an administrative lot split in Norman’s Subdivision; a public hearing and subsequent action to approve vacation of Hatch Street and the north-south alleys in Blocks 101 and 102 Town of Traverse des Sioux (now City of Saint Peter) for the new Kwik Trip establishment; issuance of general obligation improvement bonds for the North Third Street, Center and McLeod Streets From West St. Julien To 1,000 feet North Project; refunding of 2016 bonds used to finance the Traverse Green Subdivision improvements with new bonds at a lower interest rate; approval for a one year lease of City owned agricultural land to Brett A. Annexstad; adoption of a resolution of sponsorship for Local Road Improvement Program grant funds for three separate road improvement projects; approval for a $500 per year increase in the retirement benefit provided to Volunteer Firefighters; and approval of 3.2 On-Sale Beer, Tobacco and Soft Drink licenses for the new owners of the Freedom Valu station.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, March 8, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held electronically as authorized under Minnesota Statutes 13.021. For log-in information, please visit the City’s website. The log-in information will be at the bottom of the meeting agenda page which will be available under the “meetings and minutes” section of the homepage the Friday before the Council meeting.

ICE RINKS CLOSING - We’ve always had a battle of wills with Mother Nature and, like this year, she usually wins.

With the warm temps this week and continued forecast for the rest of winter to be mild, the decision has been made to close the rinks at both Veteran’s Park and Hallett’s Pond on Sunday, February 28th.

So there are just a few days left to skate. Please note that the warm temperatures have made the current conditions less than ideal and you may be skating in more slush than ice. Nevertheless, thanks for getting outside and enjoying our many winter recreation opportunities.

Anyone with questions should contact the Recreation Office with questions at 507-934-0667.

BATTLE OF THE BADGES BLOOD DRIVE – The St. Peter Police Department and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive. Lovingly referred to as the Battle of the Badges”, this blood drive pits area law enforcement personnel, along with their friends, neighbors and co-workers, against each other to see which badge can generate the most pints donated.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

All blood donated will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. If you've previously had COVID-19 or received the vaccination it does not exclude you from donating.

Site: St. Peter Community Center
Address: 600 S. 5th St., Saint Peter, MN, 56082
Room Name: Senior Center 219
Date: Tuesday May 18, 2021
Time: 1:00-7:00 PM
Blood Program Leader Name: Janet Ireland
Blood Program Leader Phone Number: 507-931-1550
To make an online appointment please click here: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=St.%20Peter%20BotB&cid=siebel&med=email&source=bdc_email&utm_source=siebel&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bdc_email or use the Red Cross donor app.

Thank you in advance for supporting the Saint Peter Police Department, people in need and the American Red Cross blood program!

**Dog Waste Pickup** - With the spring thaw right around the corner pet owners may be polluting our waterways. Pollution from pet waste provides a very serious threat to the environment.

Contrary to belief, pet waste is not a natural fertilizer. In 1991, the Environmental Protection Agency labeled dog waste as a “non-point source pollutant” and placed it in the same category as herbicides and insecticides, among other toxic waste products. Although it is not the most noticeable form of pollution, animal waste left on the ground can be washed into storm drains from rain and melting snow and ice where it becomes a serious threat to the environment and water supplies.

Once it has been washed into storm drains, the waste flows to rivers, lakes, oceans, and even drinking water. With its high concentration of bacteria and disease-causing microorganisms, animal waste poses a serious pollution threat to everyone within the community. In order to keep animal waste from contaminating local waterways and the City’s drinking water, pet owners should properly dispose of waste by picking it up, wrapping it, and either placing it into the trash or flushing it UNWRAPPED down the toilet. Pet owners those who walk and care for animals of others are required to properly and immediately dispose of any pet waste deposited on any public or private property not owned or possessed by that person.

Please be a responsible pet owner and a good neighbor.

**COVID-19 Vaccination Information** - Nicollet County Health and Human Services hopes to begin providing vaccine for the 65 and older population in the near future. Currently, our vaccine allocations remain very limited. Please complete this survey if interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Completing the survey indicates that you are interested in the vaccine and ensures that we can contact you for registration purposes when vaccine opportunities are available. This survey is only for individuals who live in Nicollet County and are ages 65 and older. You can provide your interest in vaccination online by completing our survey at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHru5m7EcgXXxmpFV8UrqlkE7-FaG8lODku2E682ouf5CQ/viewform or by calling (507) 934-8559 to speak with one of our administrative support team members.”

**Help Wanted** – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following seasonal positions in the Public Works and Recreation and Leisure Services (including aquatics) Departments. A condition of employment shall be successful completion of a background investigation and pre-employment drug test. Employees will be subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing.

Applications are available on the City’s website at www.saintpetermn.gov/365/employment or from the City Administrator’s office at 227 South Front Street, (507)934-0663. Deadline for receipt of applications by the City Administrator’s office for all seasonal positions is 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2021. Fax and/ or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

- **Public Works Seasonal Laborer:** Duties include a variety of manual labor tasks associated with the care, maintenance, and cleaning of City facilities and equipment including, but not limited to, painting, washing, mowing, weeding, digging, cleaning and organizing; planting, trimming, and removal of trees and shrubs and mowing and trimming facilities. 40 hours/week. Applicants must possess a minimum valid Class C or D driver’s license. Must pass pre-employment drug test; subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Minimum age: 18. $10.25/hour
**TREE WORKER:** Duties include work involving maintenance of City’s urban forest assisting Forester in tree planting and felling, tree trimming and pruning, stump grinding and site restoration, maintenance of plants, tree nursery and new trees, conducts tree inventories and completes reports. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or GED; Valid Class C or D driver’s license; Possession of an American Heart Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or the ability to obtain within six months of employment with the City; Demonstrated related experience in tree maintenance. **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:** Demonstrated knowledge in the operation a wood chipper, aerial lift truck, skid steer, chainsaw and stump grinder; Demonstrated experience and education in landscaping, arboriculture, forestry; International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certification; Tree Inspector certification; Demonstrated knowledge of basic plant maintenance; Ability to speak conversational Somali or Spanish. 26 weeks April – October limited to 900 hours. Must pass pre-employment drug test; subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Minimum age: 18. $12.50/hour

**LANDSCAPE GARDENER:** Duties include work involving gardening, landscape maintenance, general maintenance of planters, flowerbeds, and maintenance of parks, right-of-way, and other recreational facilities. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or GED equivalent; Valid Class C or D driver’s license; Possession of an American Heart Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or the ability to obtain within six months of employment with the City. **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:** Demonstrated ability to deal with the public; Demonstrated problem solving abilities; Demonstrated communication skills related to City operations; Demonstrated knowledge and experience in park maintenance; Ability to speak conversational Somali or Spanish. May 1 to October 31 including weekdays, weeknights, holidays, and weekends. Must pass pre-employment drug test; subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing required by federal regulations. Minimum age: 18. $12.50/hour

**PARK RANGER:** Duties include providing assistance at community events, recreational facilities, and maintenance activities assuring park grounds and structures are neat and clean, assist citizens using City facilities, oversee entrance to Swift Street tree and grass clippings drop off site, assist with ball field maintenance during tournaments and weekend play. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High School diploma or GED equivalent; Valid Class C or D driver’s license; Possession of an American Heart Certification as a Basic Rescuer for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiac care or the ability to obtain within six months of employment with the City. **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:** Demonstrated ability to deal with the public; Demonstrated problem solving abilities; Demonstrated communication skills related to City operations; Demonstrated knowledge and experience in park maintenance; Ability to speak conversational Somali or Spanish. Minimum age: 18. $12.50/hour

**HEAD LIFEGUARDS:** Duties include supervision of aquatics personnel, pool patrons, and pool facility. Must have three years of lifeguard experience. Current WSI, LGT, First Aid and CPR certificates required. Strong leadership background. Minimum age: 18. $11.75/hour

**LIFEGUARD/WSI:** Duties include teaching swim lessons and supervision of swimmers. Some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current WSI, LGT, First Aid & CPR Certificates required. $10.90/hour

**LIFEGUARD (without WSI):** Duties include supervision of swimmers and some maintenance. Full, part-time and substitute positions. Current LGT, First Aid & CPR Certificates required. $10.90/hour

**OUTDOOR POOL CASHIER:** Duties include collection of pool fees, light bookkeeping, some
maintenance, and strong public relations skills. Minimum age: 15. Part-time. $8.25/hour

- **RECREATION COORDINATOR:** Train and supervise staff, organize and implement summer sports programs (youth and adult) as well as mobile recreation program (Exploration Recreation). Need strong organizational, motivational, planning and leadership skills. Valid Class C or D driver’s license is required. Experience with school age children. 35–40 hours/week. Mid May–mid/end of August. $11.25/hour

- **VOLUNTEER IN THE PARK COORDINATOR:** Recruit, train, assign and supervise youth volunteers. Strong organizational skills and previous work with youth required. Valid Class C or D driver’s license is required. Flexible hours. 30–40 hours/week. Mid May–Mid August. $10.25/hour

- **RECREATION LEADERS:** Responsibilities include implementing youth summer recreation and sports programs and special events. Previous experience working with youth desired. Strong leadership and organizational skills required. Valid Class C or D driver’s license is required. End of May–mid/end August. Flexible hours. 20–40 hours/week. $10.25/hour

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**CITY MEETING CALENDAR** –***PLEASE NOTE***...Until further notice, City meetings may be conducted electronically as authorized under Minnesota Statutes 13D.021. Log-in information for meetings being held either virtually or as a hybrid virtual/in-person will be included at the bottom of the agenda page. Agendas are all posted on the City’s website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

- **Monday February 22**  7:00 p.m.  City Council Meeting
- **Tuesday February 23**  5:30 p.m.  Heritage Preservation Commission
- **Wednesday February 24**  12:30 p.m.  Hospital Commission
- **Thursday February 25**  12:00 noon  Economic Development Authority
- **Friday February 26**  8:00 a.m.  Tourism and Visitors Bureau
- **Monday March 1**  5:30 p.m.  City Council Workshop
- **Thursday March 4**  5:30 p.m.  Planning and Zoning Commission
- **Monday March 8**  3:30 p.m.  Housing and Redevelopment Authority
- **Monday March 8**  7:00 p.m.  City Council Meeting
- **Tuesday March 9**  5:30 p.m.  Library Board
- **Monday March 15**  5:30 p.m.  City Council Workshop
- **Monday March 15**  7:00 p.m.  Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- **Monday March 22**  7:00 p.m.  City Council Meeting
- **Wednesday March 25**  12:30 p.m.  Hospital Commission
- **Thursday March 25**  12:00 noon  Economic Development Authority
- **Friday March 26**  8:00 a.m.  Tourism and Visitors Bureau
- **Monday March 29**  3:00 p.m.  CITY COUNCIL GOAL SESSION
| Tuesday | March 30 | 5:30 p.m. | Heritage Preservation Commission |